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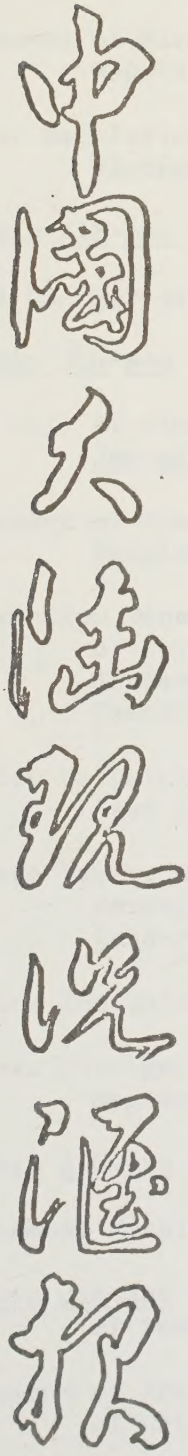

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Jen-min Jih-pao Editorial: Heroic Vietnamese People Stride Forward in Triumph

(NCNA-English Peking, Jun. 6, 1972)

the "people's daily" today carries an editorial entitled "the heroic vietnamese people are striding forward in triumph" to mark the third anniversary of the founding of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam. the editorial reads as follows:

the south vietnamese people are greeting their glorious festival -- the third anniversary of the founding of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam -- amid the paean of spectacular victories in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. with intense joy, the chinese people extend their warmest congratulations and lofty and militant salute to the heroic south vietnamese people fighting courageously at the forefront of struggle against u.s. imperialism.

the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam was born amid the raging flames of the war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation waged by the south vietnamese people. the founding of the p.r.g.r.s.v.n. was the fruit of victory of the south vietnamese people's protracted bloody battle against u.s. imperialism and its henchmen and marked a new historical stage of the south vietnamese people's war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation.

under the correct leadership of the south viet nam national front for liberation and the republican provisional revolutionary government, the south vietnamese people have, in the past three years, attained one great inspiring success after another by developing their dauntless revolutionary heroism, holding aloft the banner of determination to fight and win, and persevering in a protracted people's war. the people's liberation armed forces, gathering more and more courage and strength in the course of fighting, have become an invincible mighty force. the liberated areas keep expanding and the people's political regimes at various levels are being consolidated and developed steadily. the political struggle for driving out u.s. imperialism and overthrowing the nguyen van thieu puppet clique waged by the people in areas temporarily controlled by the enemy keeps surging forward. the "pacification" programme which the u.s.-puppet clique took such pains to carry out has flopped repeatedly under the heavy blows dealt by the south vietnamese people who are rising in struggle. especially since the end of last march, the south vietnamese armed forces and people have launched an all-round, sustained and fierce attack on the enemy in all the battlefields from quang tri-thua thien down to the mekong delta. in the stiff fighting which has lasted more than two months, they wiped out a large number of enemy effectives, captured many major towns and strategic posts, successfully liberated the whole quang tri province, and further expanded the liberated zone, striking a heavy blow at the war "vietnamization" programme of u.s. imperialism. the staunch and unremitting south vietnamese people, whose great victory has tremendously inspired the people of various countries in their anti-u.s. struggles, have set a brilliant example for the oppressed nations and oppressed peoples throughout the world.

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of late, regardless of firm opposition and vehement denunciation voiced by public opinion at home and abroad, the u.s. government has embarked brazenly on a new military venture in viet nam by mining the ports of the democratic republic of viet nam and dispatching massive naval and air forces to carry out wanton bombings and shellings of viet nam, north and south. all this, however, can in no way save the u.s. aggressors and their flunkeys from doomed defeat.

the heroic vietnamese people, who have won great victories and accumulated rich experience in the war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation, are continuing the triumphant advance. new war escalation on the part of u.s. imperialism can never shake the iron will of the vietnamese people "to fight valiantly so that the yankees quit and the puppets topple"; instead, it can only arouse stiffer resistance from the vietnamese people. u.s. imperialism must stop immediately its aggression on and intervention in viet nam, withdraw the u.s. aggressor troops and the accomplice troops unconditionally and totally, put an end to the war "vietnamization" programme, end its support to the nguyen van thieu puppet clique, and give serious consideration and positive response to the seven-point peace proposal of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam and the elaboration on its two key points. u.s. imperialism will never succeed in its attempt to force the vietnamese people on their knees.

the chinese and vietnamese people are close comrades-in-arms and brothers coming together through thick and thin. their friendship and unity have been cemented in the protracted struggle against the common enemy and are therefore indestructible. "the 700 million chinese people provide a powerful backing for the vietnamese people; the vast expanse of china's territory is their reliable rear area." firm in following this teaching of chairman mao's, the chinese people have always regarded it as their bounden internationalist duty to support in full strength the vietnamese people's war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. we are deeply convinced that so long as they unite closely and persist in struggle, the vietnamese people and the people of laos and cambodia will surely win complete victory in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation.

Comrade Yeh Chien-ying's Speech

(NCNA-English Peking, Jun. 6, 1973)

following is the full text of the speech made by comrade yeh chien-ying at the reception given here this evening by nguyen van quang, ambassador of the republic of south viet nam to china, to mark the third anniversary of the founding of the r.s.v.n. provisional revolutionary government:

respected ambassador nguyen van quang,

respected ambassador ngo thuyen,

respected vice-minister ly ban,

respected your excellency special envoy ieng sary,

comrades and friends,

today is the 3rd anniversary of the founding of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam. with great elation, we join our vietnamese comrades-in-arms in celebrating this glorious day. first of all, please allow me, on behalf of the chinese communist party and the chinese government and people, to express the warmest congratulations to the south viet nam national front for liberation, the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam and the fraternal south vietnamese armed forces and people who are fighting valiantly at the front of resistance to u.s. aggression exclamation

the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam is the truly lawful government representing the interests of the south vietnamese people. its birth marked the advance of the south vietnamese people's war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation to a new historical stage. in the past three years, under the staunch leadership of the south viet nam national front for liberation and the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam, the south vietnamese armed forces and people have waged fierce battles with dauntless heroism and an unyielding militant spirit against the u.s. aggressors and their lackeys, again and again frustrated the military adventures and smashed the political schemes of the enemy and won splendid victories on the military, political and diplomatic fronts.

on this brilliant day, we are glad to see that the situation today of the vietnamese people's war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation is more favourable than ever. the large-scale offensive launched by the south vietnamese armed forces and people in late march this year is continuing to develop vigorously. good tidings of victory have poured in from the whole theatre of south viet nam, from quang tri and thua thien south of the demilitarized zone to the binh long-tay ninh area near saigon, and from the central highlands to the mekong delta. the mighty offensive of the south vietnamese armed forces and people has landed the u.s. aggressors and their lackeys in utter chaos. the victorious battles of the south vietnamese armed forces and people have exploded the american hoax that vietnamization is winning and vividly demonstrated to the whole world that even fully u.s.-equipped south vietnamese puppet troops, plus u.s. air and naval support, are no match for the south vietnamese people. like the strategies of "special warfare" and "local war" of the past, the u.s. "vietnamization" programme will surely go completely bankrupt.

the chinese people warmly hail the great victories won by the vietnamese people and sincerely wish them new and still greater victories in their future struggle.

at present, u.s. imperialism beset with difficulties both at home and abroad is still unwilling to quit its positions of aggression in indochina and is putting up a desperate struggle in a thousand and one ways. the u.s. government has not only completely resumed its air and naval raids against the democratic repuolic of viet nam, but also brazenly resorted to a series of new acts of aggression such as the mining of the ports in the vain hope that the vietnamese people would thus be forced to stop fighting and submit to the united states.

however, the vietnamese people are a heroic people tempered by protracted wars. they hold high president ho chi minh's banner of "firm resolve to fight and to win." they have rich experience in coping with the enemy's military blackmail and political deception. they have the strong will to defeat the enemy and confidence in a sure victory, and no brute force or treacherous intrigue can make them depart from the road of struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. when recently u.s. imperialism began its massive war escalation, the north vietnamese people put forward the resounding slogan of "every factory, building site, state farm, co-operative, public organ, school and street should be a trench", and the south vietnamese people made the iron vow that "every criminal act committed by the u.s. against the north will meet with riposte five or ten times harder from the south viet nam armed forces and people." no matter what military adventures u.s. imperialism may undertake, it cannot save itself from its doomed defeat, but will only meet with still stronger resistance from the vietnamese and the other indochinese peoples and end up even more dismally. we are firmly convinced: victory will surely belong to the heroic vietnamese people exclamation victory will surely belong to the heroic indochinese peoples exclamation

comrades and friends,

the war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation waged by the vietnamese and the other indochinese peoples is an important component part of the anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle of the people of the whole world. by your victories you have greatly inspired and supported all the oppressed nations and peoples in their strugggle for liberation, and set a brilliant example for and made valuable contributions to the anti-imperialist revolutionary cause of the people of the whole world. all revolutionary people are on your side and support your struggle whole-heartedly. following chairman mao's teachings, the chinese people are determined to do their utmost in giving all-out support and assistance to the vietnamese people and all the indochinese peoples in carrying their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation to the end. this stand of ours is unswerving. no matter what happens, the chinese people will always unite together, fight together and win victory together with the peoples of viet nam, laos and cambodia.

now i propose a toast

to the great victories of the vietnamese people in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation,

to the great victories of the three indochinese peoples in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation,

to the great friendship and militant solidarity between the chinese people and the three indochinese peoples,

to the health of president nguyen huu tho,

to the health of president huynh tan phat,

to the health of ambassador nguyen van quang,

to the health of ambassador ngo thuyen,

to the health of vice-minister ly ban,

to the health of his excellency ieng sary, special envoy of the interior part of the royal government of national union and the national united front of cambodia, and the ministers of the royal government of national union of cambodia present,

to the health of the heads of diplomatic missions and their wives, and

to the health of all our comrades and friends present here exclamation

Statement of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

June 12, 1972

(NCNA-English Peking, Jun. 12, 1972)

on june 10, 1972 the ministry of foreign affairs of the democratic republic of viet nam issued a statement, sternly condemning u.s. imperialism for further dispatching large numbers of aircraft on june 6 and 8 for savage raids against the hanoi suburbs, the city of haiphong and other areas, and expressing the vietnamese people's firm determination to continue their resistance to aggression until complete victory. for this the chinese government and people express their resolute support.

for over a month, u.s. imperialism, in defiance of the strong condemnation and opposition of the people throughout the world, has continued to escalate its war against the democratic republic of viet nam. it not only has mined and blockaded the ports of northern viet nam and daily sent out large numbers of airplanes and warships to make frantic raids on many cities, villages and coastal inhabitation centres, but has steadily expanded the sphere of bombing up to areas close to the sino-vietnamese borders, threatening the security of china. these frenzied acts of aggression on the part of u.s. imperialism are new war crimes committed against the vietnamese people, and at the same time grave provocations against the chinese people.

the chinese government and people indignantly condemn u.s. imperialism for its new war escalation. china and viet nam are neighbours closely related like the lips and the teeth; the chinese and vietnamese peoples are comrades and brothers sharing weal and woe; and it is the unshirkable internationalist duty of the chinese people to support and assist the vietnamese people in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. no matter what circumstances may yet arise in this war, we will resolutely support the vietnamese and other indochinese peoples in carrying their war of resistance to the end, till complete victory is won.

u.s. imperialism should know that the heroic peoples of viet nam and the other indochinese countries are by no means alone in their struggle.

No War Escalation Can Save US Imperialism from Defeat in Vietnam, Says Jen-min Jih-pao Commentator

(NCNA-English Peking, Jun. 28, 1972)

the "people's daily" today carries a commentator's article entitled "no war escalation can save u.s. imperialism from defeat in viet nam". the article reads:

in their statements issued on june 24, 25 and 26, 1972, the ministry of foreign affairs of the republic of south viet nam and the foreign ministry of the democratic republic of viet nam sternly denounced u.s. imperialism for its crimes of intensifying the war of aggression on both south and north viet nam, bombing the city proper of hanoi and stepping up the use of thailand in its war of aggression against viet nam. the statements declared that the vietnamese people will strengthen their fighting to smash the military adventure of the u.s. aggressors. the chinese government and people firmly support the solemn and just stand of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam and of the government of the democratic republic of viet nam.

for more than one month now, u.s. imperialism has time and again escalated its war in viet nam by mining and blockading the ports of the democratic republic of viet nam, sending massive air and naval forces to attack the vast rural and urban areas in both parts of viet nam, and continuously expanding the scope of its bombing, not scrupling even to carry out savage bombing of the city proper of hanoi, capital of the democratic republic of viet nam. these acts of aggression of u.s. imperialism, which constitute new crimes against the vietnamese people, have aroused strong condemnation and opposition from the people in asia and throughout the world.

in expanding its war of aggression against viet nam, u.s. imperialism is feverishly making use of the thai reactionaries. in order to continue its military activities for aggression in indochina, the united states recently sent to thailand large numbers of additional aircraft, including b-52's, as well as numerous american troops which had been withdrawn from south viet nam under pressure. playing the jackal to the tiger, the thai reactionaries who act as accomplices of u.s. imperialism in its war of aggression against viet nam will come to no good end.

the heroic vietnamese people are invincible. fighting shoulder to shoulder with the cambodian and lao people, they have in the past one month and more won brilliant victories in resisting the expanded aggression of u.s. imperialism. they are not alone in the struggle. the people the world over stand by the side of the vietnamese and other indochinese peoples. closely related like the lips to the teeth, the chinese and vietnamese people are brothers and comrades-in-arms who share weal and woe. no matter how desperately u.s. imperialism escalates its war, the chinese people will, as always, resolutely support the vietnamese and other indochinese peoples' war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. the frenzied expansion by u.s. imperialism of its aggressive war can in no way save itself from complete failure in viet nam or the whole of indochina, nor can it shake the definitive conclusion that the vietnamese people will win.

Jen-min Jih-pao Editorial: "A Just Cause Is Invincible"

(NCNA-English Peking, Jul. 20, 1972)

the "people's daily" today carries an editorial entitled "a just cause is invincible", which reads in full as follows:

today is the 18th anniversary of the signing of the geneva agreements on indochina; and the 10th anniversary of the signing of the geneva agreements on laos falls on july 23. in his july 14 appeal, president ton duc thang of the democratic republic of viet nam vehemently condemned u.s. imperialism for its crimes of grossly trampling underfoot the geneva agreements and demanded that the u.s. government immediately end its aggression and intervention against viet nam. he called on the vietnamese people to carry forward the spirit of firm resolve to fight and win so as to bring to complete victory the cause of struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. the chinese government and people hereby express their firm support for this.

in 1954 when the geneva agreements on indochina were signed, the u.s. government declared that it would refrain from the threat or the use of force to disturb them. but the ink was hardly dry before the united states embarked on the road of completely violating the geneva agreements. it shored up a puppet regime in south viet nam with the bayonet of an aggressor, obstructed general elections in viet nam and prevented a peaceful reunification of viet nam. in violation of the geneva agreements, it brought large quantities of weapons and military materials into south viet nam and set up military bases there. it even dispatched large numbers of its troops to invade south viet nam and extended the flames of war to north viet nam. moreover, it committed armed interference in laos, provoked a civil war in that country and instigated the lao rightist troops and thai accomplice troops to attack the liberated zone of laos. it repeatedly encroached on the sovereignty of cambodia, carried out subversion and even flagrantly sent large numbers of u.s. troops for an armed invasion of that country. all this shows that the u.s. government has completely violated and grossly trampled upon the 1954 geneva agreements on indochina and the 1962 geneva agreements on laos.

to justify its total violation of the geneva agreements, u.s. imperialism alleged that its invasion of south viet nam was to meet its "commitments". it is known to all that as a participant in the geneva conference, the u.s. government's commitments on the viet nam issue should be respect for the sovereignty, independence, unification and territorial integrity of viet nam and guarantee against interference in any form in the internal affairs of viet nam. the "commitments" asserted by the u.s. government are diametrically opposed to this, namely, refusal to give up its military occupation of south viet nam or its support to the south vietnamese puppet regime and, in the final analysis, the desire to turn south viet nam into a u.s. colony. the u.s. government's argument provides the very proof of u.s. imperialism's complete sabotage of the geneva agreements and its aggression in viet nam.

it is plain to all that u.s. imperialism has invaded and occupied south viet nam, and yet it falsely accuses north viet nam of "invading" south viet nam. but such lies can never cover up the facts. the vietnamese nation is an integral whole, the people of south and north viet nam are fellow countrymen by flesh and blood. no one can deprive them of their sacred right to support each other and to resist aggression. the final declaration of the geneva conference stipulates that the 17th parallel provisional demarcation line of viet nam "should not in any way be interpreted as constituting a political or territorial boundary". it is for no other purpose than to perpetuate its aggression and occupation of south viet nam that the u.s. government has fabricated various pretexts to use this provisional demarcation line to prevent the people of south and north viet nam from supporting each other in the war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation.

just as president ton duc thang said in his appeal, "viet nam belongs to the vietnamese, viet nam's affairs must be settled by the vietnamese people themselves, without any foreign interference." the saigon puppet regime, propped up by the u.s. government singlehandedly, is utterly illegal and has long been spurned by the south vietnamese people. the seven-point proposal put forward by the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam, the two key questions of which have been elaborated, stands for the formation of a three-segment government of national concord in south viet nam and the subsequent establishment of a government of south viet nam through election. this is completely reasonable and just. the u.s. government not only refuses to cease its support to the nguyen van thieu puppet clique but spreads the lie that the vietnamese side is bent on setting up a "communist regime" in south viet nam. this merely shows that the united states is out to obstruct a genuine solution of the viet nam issue and to sabotage the peaceful reunification of viet nam.

the struggle of the vietnamese people and the indochinese people as a whole is just and a just cause is invincible. at present, the peoples of viet nam, laos and cambodia, fighting shoulder to shoulder in closer unity, are winning ever greater victories in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. the situation on the indochina battlefield is most favourable to the three indochinese peoples and unfavourable to u.s. imperialism and its lackeys. if the u.s. government really wants to settle the viet nam problem and the indochina problem, it should put an immediate end to its armed aggression against viet nam and other countries in indochina, unconditionally and totally withdraw its aggressor troops and those of its vassals from south viet nam within a definite time limit, cease supporting the nguyen van thieu puppet clique, the lon nol traitorous clique and the lao rightists, and let the three indochinese peoples settle their problems themselves in accordance with their own will.

the chinese people have forged a profound revolutionary friendship and unbreakable militant solidarity with the vietnamese, lao and cambodian peoples in the course of

protracted anti-imperialist struggle. the 700 million chinese people provide a powerful backing for the indochinese peoples, the vast expanse of china's territory is their reliable rear area. the chinese people regard it as their bounden internationalist duty to give all-out support to the three indochinese peoples' struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. so long as the u.s. imperialist war of aggression against viet nam and indochina goes on, the chinese people will resolutely support the vietnamese and other indochinese peoples to fight to the end until they win complete victory.

Check US Aggressors' Savagery

(NCNA-English Peking, Jul. 25, 1972)

the "people's daily" today carries an article by its commentator under the title "check the u.s. aggressors' savagery". the full text of the article reads as follows:

the foreign ministry and the water conservancy ministry of the democratic republic of viet nam have in recent statements indignantly charged and vehemently condemned u.s. imperialism for continuing its criminal bombing of irrigation works in north viet nam. the chinese people resolutely support the solemn and just stand of the d.r.v.n. government and strongly demand that the u.s. government immediately stop such barbarous undertakings.

while escalating its war in viet nam in the last three months or more, u.s. imperialism has made more than 100 bombing raids on 58 important sections of major dyke systems and 46 irrigation works along the red river and other main rivers, causing grave damage and subjecting the north vietnamese people to the danger of floods when the rainy season sets in. the u.s. aggressors have resorted to such savage means in an attempt to subdue the vietnamese people and save themselves from defeat in the war of aggression against viet nam. this not only shows the brutality of u.s. imperialism but also reflects its feebleness.

the fresh serious crimes committed by u.s. imperialism against the vietnamese people have aroused strong opposition from the vietnamese people and universal indignation among the people all over the world. to cover up the crimes, u.s. official quarters asserted at one time that "it is contrary to our policy to target dams and dikes in north viet nam" and, at another, that destruction of dams and dikes were done "by error". however, facts speak louder than lies. many foreigners in hanoi are eye-witnesses of the destruction of irrigation works in north viet nam by u.s. planes. there were also reports on this by many foreign correspondents. the u.s. government can in no way deny its crimes of bombing and destructing irrigation installations in north viet nam, iron-clad proofs of which are obvious to all.

the vietnamese people are a heroic and indomitable people. they have withstood all kinds of tests in the war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation and, fighting dauntlessly and valiantly, have won one great victory after another. the bombs, in tens of thousands of tons, dropped on vietnamese soil by the u.s. aggressors may rock the mountains and stem the rivers, but they can never shake the iron will of the vietnamese people or hold back their victorious advance. just as ho chi minh, the great leader of the vietnamese people, pointed out: "the u.s. government is trying to bring the vietnamese people to their knees by brute force. but the vietnamese people will not knuckle under in any circumstances." "for independence and freedom, the vietnamese people are determined to fight the u.s. aggressors through to complete victory, whatever the hardships and sacrifices may be." it is certain that the vietnamese people will be able to carry out the behest of president ho chi minh, foil all aggressive schemes of u.s. imperialism and win complete victory in the war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation exclamation

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Jen-min Jih-pao Hails Vietnamese People's Fresh Victory

(NCNA-English Peking, Aug. 4, 1972)

the following is the full text of today's "people's daily" editorial entitled "warmly acclaim the vietnamese people's fresh victory":

the heroic south vietnamese people and armed forces have won fresh brilliant victories in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. in the four months since the end of march, they have launched a sustained and vigorous offensive against the enemy on the various battlefields from quang tri-thua thien to the mekong river delta, wiping out a large number of enemy troops, capturing many strongholds and liberating vast tracts of land. this is a telling blow to the war "vietnamization" policy of u.s. imperialism and a great inspiration to the three indochinese peoples in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. the happy tidings brought elation to the people. the chinese people warmly congratulate their vietnamese comrades-in-arms.

in order to check the victorious offensive of the south vietnamese people and armed forces, u.s. imperialism has escalated the war by various means. it sent vietnamese puppet troops to launch many counter-attacks in an attempt to retrieve its failure. with an unprecedented concentration of air and naval forces, it wantonly bombed north viet nam, mined and blockaded her ports, and even bombed her dams and dykes. these acts have aroused the strong resistance of the vietnamese people and the universal indignation of the world people. the foreign ministry of the republic of south viet nam and the foreign

ministry of the democratic republic of viet nam issued statements on july 30 and 31 respectively, once again condemning the war crimes of u.s. imperialism. the chinese government and people resolutely support this.

the heroic vietnamese people are indomitable. in the last four months the patriotic armed forces and people in south viet nam have fought heroically, advancing wave upon wave, with great wrath and hatred for the common enemy, the armed forces and people in north viet nam met the enemy aircraft with deadly fire, fully displaying their heroic resolve to fight and win. in close unity with the cambodian and lao peoples and after a long and most arduous struggle, the vietnamese people have won brilliant victories in the war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation and brought about an excellent situation. their fresh victories have turned the situation on the viet nam battlefield still more favourable to the vietnamese and other indochinese peoples and unfavourable to the u.s. aggressors. it is sheer day-dreaming for u.s. imperialism to try to subdue the vietnamese people by means of war. it is bound to meet with a defeat still more disastrous if it continues its desperate struggle by embarking on war adventure. the u.s. government must stop all its aggressive acts against viet nam immediately, withdraw from south viet nam all the u.s. armed forces and those of the countries tailing after it, and seriously negotiate on the basis of the fair and reasonable seven-point proposal and the elaboration on two points of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam so as to settle the viet nam question.

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Iron Will of Vietnamese People Is Unshakable, Says Jen-min Jih-pao Editorial

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following is the full text of today's "people's daily" editorial entitled "the iron will of the vietnamese people is unshakable":

defying the strong opposition of world opinion, u.s. imperialism has recently continued bombing and attacking the dyke system, irrigation works and densely populated areas in north viet nam. the foreign ministry of the democratic republic of viet nam issued a statement on august 8, 1972, sternly condemning the savage crimes of u.s. imperialism. the chinese government and people resolutely support the just and solemn stand of the d.r.v.n. government and express burning indignation against the criminal acts of u.s. imperialism.

u.s. imperialism's aggression in indochina and wanton bombing of north viet nam have long been vehemently condemned by the people all over the world. the crime of bombing dykes and dams in north viet nam by u.s. aircraft has further aroused public wrath throughout the world. the u.s. government has time and again resorted to sophistry to deny its responsibility for the crime, but the result is that the more it tries to cover up its crimes, the starker they are exposed and the truculent features of the u.s. aggressors are more fully revealed.

in face of the iron-clad facts, the u.s. government had to admit that it had bombed some dykes in north viet nam, but it alleged that it was not the u.s. policy to bomb north vietnamese dykes. facts have shown very clearly that the u.s. policy is to attempt, by means of wanton bombing, to force the north vietnamese people to cease giving support to their compatriots in the south, damaging in an intensified manner the dyke system and irrigation project in the north before the high-water season and preventing the north vietnamese people from repairing the dykes, the wicked intention of the u.s. is to cause floods at the high-water season. just as the statement of the d.r.v.n. foreign ministry has pointed out, "the u.s. government must bear full responsibility if the floods should eventually happen as a result of the u.s. bombing of dykes, sluices and dams over the past period."

. the vietnamese are a long-tempered heroic people. they have won great victories and accumulated rich experience in the protracted struggle against u.s. imperialism and its henchmen. no outrageous means and intrigues of u.s. imperialism can shake the vietnamese people's iron will and confidence in their victory in the war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation, nor can they save the u.s. aggressor from its doomed defeat. the u.s. aggressor must immediately stop its bombing and attacks on north viet nam's dykes and irrigation projects, stop its indiscriminate bombing in north viet nam and any other acts of aggression against viet nam, otherwise, it will surely receive severer punishment by the vietnamese people.

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

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august 24, 1972

on august 22, 1972 u.s. aircraft brazenly bombed a lifeboat of the chinese merchant ship "hongqi no. 151", which was anchored off the shore of hon ngu island of nghe an province of the democratic republic of viet nam, destroying the chinese lifeboat and killing the five chinese crew members, i.e. captain chou mao-chen and deputy political commissar ma chuan-chu of "hongqi no. 151" and its seamen chang hsiang-pin, hsieh mao-liang and fang shu-tung. this is a serious act on the part of u.s. imperialism in gross violation of the freedom of international trade and navigation and a grave provocation against the chinese people.

the chinese government and people express great indignation at this and lodge a strong protest with the u.s. government. the chinese government reserves the lawful right to demand compensation for its losses. the u.s. government must immediately stop all provocations against chinese merchant ships and guarantee against the recurrence of similar incidents.

Information Department Spokesman of Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Instructed to Make Statement Refuting US Denial of Destroying Chinese Lifeboat

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the recent grave act of provocation by u.s. military aircraft of bombing and destroying a lifeboat of the chinese merchant ship "hongqi 151", which was anchored off the shore of hon ngu island of nghe an province of the democratic republic of viet nam, and killing the five chinese crew members on board has aroused the great indignation of the chinese people.

the chinese ministry of foreign affairs issued a statement on august 24, 1972 and lodged a strong protest with the u.s. government. on august 25, the command of the u.s. forces of aggression against viet nam declared in a statement that "the u.s. navy did destroy a 30-foot water

supply craft operating 11 miles north-northeast of vinh on august 22." but it then said, "we have no evidence to indicate that we attacked a lifeboat. we do not target third country shipping", attempting to deny its responsibility for the crime. with regard to this, the spokesman of the information department of the chinese ministry of foreign affairs is instructed to issue the following statement:

1. on the morning of august 22, 1972 after the chinese lifeboat was bombed, the chinese merchant ship "hongqi 160" which was anchored nearby immediately lifted anchor and sailed to the site of the incident and established that the lifeboat was bombed at 105 degrees 45 minutes 12 seconds e, 18 degrees 47 minutes 56 seconds n, 10.75 miles to the northeast of vinh of the democratic republic of viet nam. on that day there were no other ships or boats carrying out activities in the vicinity.

2. the bombed chinese lifeboat was 24.6 feet long, 7.9 feet wide and had a body depth of 3.1 feet. the boat had no deck. the boat's sides were painted white and the name of the ship "hongqi 151" in chinese was marked on it. the interior of the boat was painted orange. the boat carried no cargo of any kind. thus it absolutely could not have been taken as a "supply craft".

3. the bombed chinese lifeboat was flying the national flag of the people's republic of china and the u.s. aircraft had made repeated low altitude circling for reconnaissance before the bombing, so the u.s. aircraft was entirely able to recognize it.

that the u.s. aircraft bombed and destroyed the chinese lifeboat and killed the five chinese crew members on it is undeniable iron-clad fact. now, while admitting that it had bombed and destroyed a boat at the said time and place, the command of the u.s. forces of aggression against viet nam has without any grounds whatsoever arbitrarily asserted that the boat bombed was a "supply craft". this is obviously a sleight of hand on its part, attempting thereby to deny the facts and shirk its responsibility for the crime.

the u.s. government must immediately stop all provocations against chinese merchant ships and guarantee against the recurrence of similar incidents. the chinese government reserves the lawful right to demand compensation for its losses.

Victory Certainly Belongs to Heroic Vietnamese People, Says Jen-min Jih-pao

(NCNA-English Peking, Sept. 1, 1972)

the "people's daily" carries an editorial today entitled "victory certainly belongs to the heroic vietnamese people", greeting the 27th anniversary of the founding of the democratic republic of viet nam. the editorial reads:

on september 2, 1945, president ho chi minh, the great leader of the vietnamese people, solemnly declared the founding of the democratic republic of viet nam at the ba dinh square in hanoi. for 27 years, the d.r.v.n. has successfully traversed a glorious fighting course. with profound fraternal friendship, the chinese people extend warm congratulations and lofty militant salute to the vietnamese people who are jubilantly celebrating this glorious festival amid songs of victory in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation.

the vietnamese people is a heroic people, the vietnamese nation a great nation. under the leadership of the viet nam workers' party, the vietnamese people have waged a protracted and unswerving struggle against imperialism and colonialism for the independence and liberation of their fatherland. they finally won victory in the august revolution and independence for the fatherland. then, they fought for nine years against the french colonialists and drove them away. particularly in the past ten years and more, the indomitable and courageous vietnamese people, defying hardships and sacrifices and advancing wave upon wave, carried out a sublime and heroic struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation and won great victories. the struggle and victories of the vietnamese people have set a glorious example for the oppressed nations throughout the world that a weak nation can defeat a strong, a small nation can defeat a big and added an illustrious page in the history of national liberation struggle of the whole world. the chinese people are proud to have such indomitable comrades-in-arms as the vietnamese people. the courageous and tenacious fighting spirit of the vietnamese people and the precious experiences accumulated in their protracted struggle are worthy to be learned from by the chinese people.

since the beginning of this year, the heroic north vietnamese people, bringing into full play the spirit of determination to fight and win, have severely punished the u.s. aggressors by shooting down or damaging many intruding u.s. aircraft and capturing a number of u.s. pilots, thus successfully foiling u.s. imperialism's escalation of

its war against north viet nam. fighting the enemy while engaging in production, they have given vigorous support to their flesh-and-blood compatriots in the south. the patriotic armed forces and people in south viet nam have launched an all-round, sustained and powerful offensive against the enemy, wiped out large numbers of enemy effectives, captured many important cities, towns and strategic positions, liberated vast areas including quang tri province and further enlarged the liberated areas. the south viet nam national front for liberation and the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam have won universal support among the broad masses in south viet nam and their international prestige is ever rising. at the same time, the people of cambodia and laos have also won many inspiring fresh victories on various battlefields. the situation of the war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation is becoming more and more favourable to the people of indochina and unfavourable to u.s. imperialism and its lackeys.

while paying lip service to putting an end to the war in viet nam, the u.s. government has insisted on its policy of aggression and pursued the so-called war "vietnamization" programme. it has not only mined and blockaded the ports of north viet nam, but also despatched massive air and naval forces to bomb barbarously the populated areas and dykes and dams in north viet nam in a vain attempt to compel the vietnamese people to submit. should the u.s. government really want to end the vietnamese war, it must withdraw all u.s. aggressor troops and u.s. valet troops from south viet nam, stop all aggressive actions against viet nam, and conduct serious negotiations with the vietnamese side for a peaceful solution of the viet nam issue on the basis of the seven-point proposal put forth by the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam and the elaboration of its two key points. there is no other way out. it is entirely miscalculation on the part of the u.s. government to attempt to coerce the heroic vietnamese people with war escalation or any other methods of intimidation.

the vietnamese people's great leader president ho chi minh had pointed out: "we love peace, but it must be genuine peace in independence and freedom. for independence and freedom, the vietnamese people are determined to fight the u.s. aggressors through to complete victory, whatever the hardships and sacrifices may be." the vietnamese people is a great people which has been tempered in the protracted revolutionary war. no force on earth can shake the vietnamese people's iron will to fight to the end for safeguarding their sacred national

right. we are firmly convinced that victory certainly belongs to the heroic vietnamese people exclamation victory certainly belongs to the heroic peoples of all indochinese countries exclamation

the peoples of china and viet nam are close comrades-in-arms and brothers. the revolutionary friendship and militant unity of the two parties and the two peoples are based on marxism-leninism and proletarian internationalism and can sustain the test of any storm. "the 700 million chinese people provide a powerful backing for the vietnamese people; the vast expanse of china's territory is their reliable rear area." the chinese people are determined to do their utmost to give all-out support to the vietnamese people and the other indochinese peoples in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation till complete victory is won.

Chinese Party, Government Leaders Send Congratulatory Message to Vietnamese Party, Government Leaders

(NCNA-English Peking, Sept. 1, 1972)

comrade mao tsetung, chairman of the central committee of the communist party of china, comrade tung pi-wu, acting chairman of the people's republic of china, comrade chu teh, chairman of the standing committee of the national people's congress of the people's republic of china, and comrade chou en-lai, premier of the state council of the people's republic of china, today sent a message to comrade ton duc thang, president of the democratic republic of viet nam, comrade le duan, first secretary of the central committee of the viet nam workers' party, comrade truong chinh, chairman of the standing committee of the national assembly of the democratic republic of viet nam, and comrade pham van dong, premier of the government of the democratic republic of viet nam, extending the warmest congratulations on the 27th anniversary of the founding of the democratic republic of viet nam. the full text of the message reads:

comrade ton duc thang,
president of the democratic republic of viet nam,

comrade le duan,
first secretary of the central committee of the viet nam workers' party,

comrade truong chinh,
chairman of the standing committee of the national assembly of the democratic republic of viet nam,

comrade pham van dong,
premier of the government of the democratic republic of viet nam,

hanoi

on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the founding of the democratic republic of viet nam, we, on behalf of the communist party of china and the chinese government and people, extend the warmest congratulations to the viet nam workers' party, the government of the democratic republic of viet nam and the fraternal vietnamese people.

under the leadership of the viet nam workers' party, the heroic vietnamese people have in the past twenty-seven years fought with dauntless heroism and militant revolutionary stamina against one imperialist war of aggression after another and safeguarded the fruits of socialism in northern viet nam, writing brilliant chapters in the annals of the cause of liberation of the vietnamese nation. the heroic deeds of the vietnamese people in their anti-imperialist revolutionary struggles have been a tremendous encouragement to the chinese people and a valuable contribution to the liberation struggles of all the oppressed nations and peoples of the world.

at present, the vietnamese people's war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation is developing triumphantly and the whole situation in indochina is excellent. the south vietnamese armed forces and people have launched fierce offensives in various battlefields, dealt heavy blows to the u.s. imperialist scheme of "vietnamizing" the war and scored splendid victories. u.s. imperialism has attempted to force the vietnamese people to cease fighting by stepping up its air and naval raids and imposing a blockade through the laying of mines, but this is sheer day-dreaming. the bombs of u.s. imperialism have not shaken and will never be able to shake the iron will of the vietnamese people. following president ho chi minh's teaching "we prefer to make any sacrifice rather than lose the fatherland and be slaves," the heroic vietnamese people, united as one and fearing no difficulties, are advancing triumphantly with firm militant strides. we are deeply convinced that the vietnamese people, tempered in protracted revolutionary wars and fighting in unity with the peoples of laos and cambodia, will certainly defeat u.s. imperialist aggression and win complete victory

in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation.

the chinese and vietnamese peoples are close comrades-in-arms and brothers sharing weal and woe and going through thick and thin together. to support and assist the vietnamese people's war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation is a bounden internationalist duty of the chinese people. no matter what hardships and dangers the vietnamese people may still face in the war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation, the chinese people will remain on your side and give all-out support and assistance to your just struggle.

final victory surely belongs to the heroic vietnamese and other indochinese peoples exclamation

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peking, september 1, 1972

Comrade Yeh Chien-ying's Speech

(NCNA-English Peking, Sept. 1, 1972)

following is the full text of the speech made by comrade yeh chien-ying at the national day reception given here this evening by ngo thuyen, ambassador of the democratic republic of viet nam to china:

respected ambassador ngo thuyen,
respected ambassador nguyen van quang,
comrades and friends,

the democratic republic of viet nam, our great socialist neighbour, has traversed a brilliant fighting course of twenty-seven years. we are elated today to join our vietnamese comrades-in-arms in celebrating this festival of historic significance. first of all, please allow me, on behalf of the communist party of china and the chinese government and people, to express the warmest congratulations to the viet nam workers' party, the vietnamese government and the fraternal vietnamese people, who are fighting at the front of resistance to u.s. aggression.

the victory of the "august revolution" won by the vietnamese people under the leadership of their great leader president ho chi minh and the viet nam workers' party twenty-seven years ago ushered in a new epoch in the history of viet nam. thereupon, the democratic republic of viet nam became an independent and free country, the vietnamese nation stood up for good, and the days when imperialism had enslaved the vietnamese people at will were gone forever. after the birth of the democratic republic of viet nam, the french colonialist forces attempted a comeback and then u.s. imperialism launched its extremely barbarous war of aggression in an attempt to turn viet nam into its new colony. but the imperialist aggressive schemes have all gone bankrupt in the face of the heroic vietnamese people. the socialist democratic republic of viet nam has all along stood firm at the southeastern outpost of asia; it has become the staunch bulwark of the war of the vietnamese and the other indochinese peoples against u.s. aggression and for national salvation and made important contributions to the anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle of the people of asia and the whole world.

the present situation of the vietnamese people's war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation is excellent. launching successive fierce offensives, the armed forces and people of south viet nam have won numerous victories and achieved brilliant results of battle. in the short span of a few months, they have wiped out large numbers of enemy effectives, dealt a heavy blow to the u.s. plan of "vietnamization" and turned the situation even more favourable to the vietnamese people. now, quang

tri province and other large areas of south viet nam have been liberated, the political struggle of the masses in enemy-occupied areas is developing vigorously, and the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam has won extensive warm support among the south vietnamese people and its international standing has risen daily. recently, the conference of foreign ministers of non-aligned countries held in georgetown has decided to recognize the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam and the royal government of national union of cambodia as full members of the conference. this is another proof that the puppets groomed by the united states are discredited both at home and internationally. no matter what desperate struggles the u.s. aggressors and their lackeys may put up, things are getting tougher and tougher for them.

the chinese people heartily rejoice at every new victory won by the fraternal vietnamese people in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. let us take this opportunity to express once again our warm congratulations to our vietnamese comrades-in-arms and wish you new and still greater victories in future.

u.s. imperialism invariably misjudges the situation, places a blind faith in its so-called "strength", underestimates the strength of a people's war and is unwilling to give up its aggressive ambitions. although it has withdrawn large numbers of ground forces from south viet nam, it has at the same time dispatched there larger air and naval forces than ever. although it has abandoned some u.s. military bases in south viet nam, it has established bigger bases for aggression in thailand. in appearance it is quitting ground battles, in fact the barbarous acts of aggression of the u.s. air and naval forces are intensifying and escalating the war. u.s. aircraft have not only imposed a blockade by mining the ports of the democratic republic of viet nam, but wantonly bombed inhabitation centres and industrial and agricultural enterprises in northern viet nam, and even damaged dykes and irrigation systems in an attempt to cause floods in the high water season and menace the vietnamese people. this series of facts have exploded the u.s. government's lie about a desire for a quick end to the viet nam war. the chinese government and people strongly condemn u.s. imperialism for its acts of aggression in escalating the war. the u.s. government must immediately stop attacking the dykes and irrigation systems of the democratic republic of viet nam; it must immediately stop all its acts of aggression against the vietnamese people.

the vietnamese people are a dauntless and heroic people. no brute force or truculent intimidation can shake their iron will in resisting u.s. aggression and saving the nation. president ho chi minh put it well: "nothing is more precious than independence and

freedom." the heroic vietnamese people have been bravely fighting a sanguinary war for more than ten years against the u.s. aggressors for the realization of their sacred national rights, and they will not stop short of their objective. by dragging out the war, the u.s. aggressors will only land themselves in a more passive position and meet with more disastrous defeats.

comrades and friends,

the chinese and vietnamese peoples are brothers and comrades-in-arms going through thick and thin together. both in the revolutionary years of the past and in today's struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation, we have been uniting together, fighting together and winning victories together. the chinese people's great leader chairman mao has pointed out: "the 700 million chinese people provide a powerful backing for the vietnamese people; the vast expanse of china's territory is their reliable rear area." we will for ever follow chairman mao's teachings, regard the vietnamese and other indochinese peoples' struggle as our own struggle, and, by practical deeds of grasping revolution, promoting production and other work and preparedness against war, do our best to support and help you in every way in fighting the aggressors. we resolutely support the seven-point peace proposal and the elaboration of its two points of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam and the vietnamese people's efforts for a peaceful settlement of the viet nam question. so long as the united states does not stop its aggression and the basic national rights of the vietnamese and the other indochinese peoples are not realized, the chinese people will continue to support and assist the vietnamese and the other indochinese peoples in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. this stand of ours is firm and unshakable.

we are convinced that victory will certainly belong to the heroic peoples of viet nam, laos and cambodia exclamation

in conclusion, i request you all to raise your glasses and drink a toast

to the brilliant victories of the vietnamese and the other indochinese peoples in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation.

to the great friendship and militant unity of the chinese and vietnamese peoples,

to the great friendship and militant unity of the chinese and the three indochinese peoples,

to the health and long life of president ton duc thang,

to the health of comrade le duan, comrade truong chinh and comrade pham van dong,

to the health of ambassador ngo thuyen and ambassador nguyen van quang,

to the health of the ministers of the royal government of national union of cambodia,

to the health of the heads of diplomatic missions and their wives present,

to the health of our comrades-in-arms from viet nam, laos and cambodia present, and

to the health of our comrades and friends present here exclamation

Chinese Foreign Minister Expresses Firm Support for September 11 Statement of PRG of RSVN

(NCNA-English Peking, Sept. 30, 1972)

chi peng-fei, minister of foreign affairs of the people's republic of china, today sent a letter to nguyen thi binh, minister of foreign affairs of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam, expressing firm support of the chinese government and people for the solemn stand of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam expounded in its september 11 statement. this is a reply to foreign minister nguyen thi binh's letter of september 15 which enclosed the statement issued on september 11 by the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam on the ending of the u.s. war of aggression and the restoration of peace in viet nam.

foreign minister nguyen thi binh in her letter to foreign minister chi peng-fei says: "i have the honour to extend to you the warmest salutation and enclose herewith an important statement on the ending of the u.s. war of aggression and the restoration of peace in viet nam issued on september 11 by the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam.

"in this very important stage of our resistance against u.s. aggression, we wish that your government will energetically declare in favour of the present statement, so as to show once again your firm support for the struggle of the vietnamese people against u.s. aggression, particularly for our seven-point peace proposal of july 1, 1971, the two points of which have been elaborated,

and the new statement has once again stressed the two principal requirements.

"i wish to take this opportunity to express the sincere thanks of the provisional revolutionary government and the people of south viet nam for the precious support given by the government of the people's republic of china for our just struggle and wish that under the present circumstances, this support will be further strengthened."

in his letter of reply to foreign minister nguyen thi binh's letter, foreign minister chi peng-fei says: "i am glad to receive the letter of your excellency minister dated september 15, 1972 and the enclosed statement of september 11, 1972 of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam.

on behalf of the chinese government and people, i declare in all seriousness our resolute support for the solemn stand of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam as expressed in the september 11, 1972 statement.

"i would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm to your excellency minister that to support the struggle of the people of viet nam and other countries in indochina against u.s. aggression and for national salvation is a bounden internationalist obligation of the chinese people. so long as the u.s. war of aggression continues, the people of our country will do our utmost to support the just struggle of the vietnamese people and the people of other indochinese countries until a complete victory is won."

Jen-min Jih-pao Warmly Greets Independence Day of Laos

(NCNA-English Peking, Oct. 12, 1972)

the "people's daily" devotes its editorial today to warmly celebrating the 27th anniversary of the independence day of laos. the editorial entitled "the people of laos are bound to win" reads in full as follows:

the heroic lao people are greeting their glorious day, the 27th anniversary of the independence day of laos, in a new situation when tremendous victories have been won by the three indochinese peoples. with profound fraternal sentiments, the chinese people extend to the fighting lao people their warm congratulations and deep respects.

after a protracted anti-imperialist struggle, the lao people successfully staged an armed uprising in august 1945 and solemnly proclaimed the independence of laos on october 12 the same year. this opened a new page in the history of laos. since independence, the lao people had driven out the french colonialists after nine years of anti-french war. advancing wave upon wave in the last ten-odd years, the lao patriotic armed forces and people have fought arduously and won brilliant victories in the struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. the struggle and victories of the lao people constitute an important contribution to the cause of national liberation of the indochinese peoples and the anti-imperialist struggle of the world people.

under the leadership of the lao patriotic front, the lao people's liberation army has rapidly grown into a mighty people's armed force. by relying closely on the people and bringing into full play the might of people's war, it has wiped out large numbers of enemy forces. three quarters of lao territory are now liberated. in the liberated zone with a population of over one million, the democratic regime is getting consolidated daily and the economy and culture are developing steadily. fighting shoulder to shoulder and coordinating closely with the vietnamese and cambodian peoples, the lao people have attained many new victories since the beginning of this year. the lao patriotic armed forces and people have repeatedly repulsed the "nibbling" attacks of the lao rightist troops on the liberated zone. they thus have dealt a heavy blow at the war "laotianization" scheme of u.s. imperialism.

the lao patriotic front has made unremitting efforts for a peaceful solution of the lao problem. its sincerity is shown in its 5-point political solution which points out the correct way for peacefully settling the lao issue and which has won the sympathy and support of public opinion of all countries. the lao problem was created entirely by the u.s. imperialist aggression and interference in laos. therefore, an end must be put to the aggression and interference in laos by u.s. imperialism and its flunkeys, and the lao people must be left to solve their problem by themselves.

at present, the peoples of laos, viet nam and cambodia are fighting in unity and advancing triumphantly. the peoples of china and laos are intimate brothers who have always supported and helped each other in the common struggle against imperialism. the chinese people are resolved to provide powerful backing for the lao people and resolutely support the peoples of laos and other indochinese countries in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation till complete victory. we are deeply convinced that final victory certainly belongs to the heroic lao people and the other indochinese peoples.

Vietnamese People Cannot Be Cowed by Bombing

(NCNA-English Peking, Oct. 13, 1972)

the "people's daily" today carries an article by its commentator entitled "the vietnamese people cannot be cowed by bombing" which reads in full as follows:

u.s. imperialism dispatched planes in many waves on october 11, 1972 to carry out frenzied bombing on downtown hanoi, killing or wounding many peaceful civilians. the french general delegate in hanoi and the albanian charge d'affaires ad interim in hanoi were wounded by u.s. aircraft. this barbarous crimes of u.s. imperialism has sent the vietnamese people and the people of the world into the greatest fury. the foreign ministry of the democratic republic of viet nam has issued a statement expressing strong denunciation and demanding that the u.s. government stop at once its bombing, shelling, mining and blockading of north viet nam, cease pursuing its war "vietnamization" policy in south viet nam and negotiate seriously at the paris conference. the chinese government and people firmly support the just stand of the democratic republic of viet nam.

the u.s. government has sent out huge air and naval forces to conduct continuous wanton bombing raids on various parts of north viet nam including hanoi and haiphong in the last few months. by bombing and shelling densely populated areas, peaceful installations and river dykes and dams in north viet nam, the u.s. government has tried to create serious difficulties for viet nam and force the vietnamese people to submit so as to save the u.s. from defeat in its aggression against viet nam. in a recent appeal to cities throughout the world, chairmen of the administrative committees of 37 cities in north viet nam effectively exposed and denounced with numerous facts the war crimes committed by u.s. imperialism in bombing and shelling north viet nam. the u.s. government has professed on the one hand that it does not bomb civilian targets and will settle the viet nam issue through negotiations, while on the other hand it has stepped up its bombing attacks on north viet nam and openly declared that the bombing "will continue". this can only enable the world people to see more clearly the brutality and barbarity of the u.s. aggressors.

bombing is no solution to the question. is the number of bombs the united states dropped in north viet nam for years and years too small? napalms and laser bombs, "phantoms" and b-52 strategic bombers, and what not have all been used. the united states admitted that the number of bombs it dropped in viet nam far surpassed that it dropped in the second world war. however, the more flagrant its bombing and shelling, the heavier blows the united states sustained on the viet nam battlefield. the vietnamese people have achieved brilliant successes in new battles in the past months. facts have proved that the u.s. bombs can in no way shake the iron will of the vietnamese people, nor hamper their victorious advance in the war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. the attempt of the u.s. government to force the vietnamese people to accept its unreasonable conditions by intensified bombing is absolutely futile. the barbarous crimes of u.s. imperialism can only arouse the vietnamese people to more powerful resistance and land itself in more disastrous defeat.

Jen-min Jih-pao Commentator's Article: Stop Murder of South Vietnamese Patriots

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following is an article by the "people's daily" commentator today entitled "stop the murder of south vietnamese patriots":

many south vietnamese patriots in the phu quoc prison were recently killed by the u.s. aggressors and the nguyen van thieu clique who stepped up the extremely barbarous suppression and persecution of tens of thousands of patriots detained in various parts of south viet nam. the spokesman of the foreign ministry of the republic of south viet nam (r.s.v.n.) has made a statement strongly denouncing this sanguinary crime and demanding a resolute stop to it and the immediate release of all the detained south vietnamese patriots. the chinese people express great indignation at this atrocity committed by the u.s. aggressors and the nguyen van thieu clique and firmly support the solemn stand of the provisional revolutionary government of the r.s.v.n.

the nguyen van thieu clique has been serving as a criminal tool of u.s. imperialism in its aggression against viet nam. it has established military fascist rule in south viet nam and owed the vietnamese people uncountable blood debts. it has actively implemented the u.s. "vietnamization" programme and compelled the south vietnamese people in areas under its control to die for foreign aggressors. it has deprived the people of all democratic rights and freedoms and threw innumerable peaceable civilians and patriots into strategic hamlets and concentration camps. to achieve peace, independence and reunification of the fatherland and to defend their own right of survival, the south vietnamese people have waged a courageous and indomitable struggle against the nguyen van thieu clique and its u.s. masters. their struggle has demonstrated the heroism of the south vietnamese people and won admiration and support from the people the world over.

the spectacular victories won in recent battles by the south vietnamese people's armed forces have dealt a very heavy blow at the u.s. aggressors and the nguyen van thieu clique. the reactionary rule of the nguyen van thieu clique in south viet nam has become more tottering. its bloody massacres and barbarous suppression of the south vietnamese patriots is only a manifestation of its weakness and its last-ditch struggle. it is certain that such barbarous means will only arouse stronger resistance from the south vietnamese people and can never save the u.s. aggressors and the nguyen van thieu clique from their doomed defeat.

Statement of the Government of the People's Republic of China

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the people's republic of china

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on october 26, 1972 the government of the democratic republic of viet nam issued the "statement on the present state of the negotiations relating to the viet nam problem". the chinese government and people resolutely support the solemn and just position taken in that statement.

during the past four years and more, in order to bring about a peaceful solution of the viet nam problem, the government of the democratic republic of viet nam and the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam have consistently taken a serious and earnest attitude in the paris talks and put forward many fair and reasonable proposals. furthermore, for promoting progress in the talks, they have of late made tremendous efforts, and agreement has been reached with the u.s. government on the formulation of the "agreement of ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam" and the schedule for its signing has been fixed through consultation. however, the u.s. government has repeatedly changed its proposition, created offshoot issues, gone back on its own word and laid new obstacles to put off the signing of the agreement on the pretext that it has encountered difficulties in saigon. the whole world knows that the nguyen van thieu clique has been fostered by the united states single-handed and what kind of relationship there is between it and the united states. it should not be difficult to remove these obstacles if the united states truly wishes to solve the problem. the people of the world cannot but ask whether the u.s. government genuinely wants a peaceful solution of the viet nam problem or intends to drag out its war of aggression. the u.s. government must reply by deeds.

the vietnamese people are a heroic people long tempered in revolutionary wars. their iron will to realize their sacred national rights is unshakable. they are sincerely for a peaceful solution of the viet nam problem as well as determined to fight to the end. the u.s. government should faithfully keep its word and sign as soon as possible with the government of the democratic republic

of viet nam the agreement which has already been reached. should the u.s. government drag out its war of aggression in disregard of the urgent desire of the people of viet nam, the united states and the whole world to end the war in viet nam as early as possible, it will surely eat the bitter fruit of its own making.

the stand of the chinese government and people of supporting the vietnamese people's just struggle is firm and unshakable. so long as u.s. imperialism does not stop its war of aggression against viet nam, the chinese people will certainly perform their internationalist duty and continue to give all-out support and assistance to the vietnamese people in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation till complete victory.

Jen-min Jih-pao Commentator's Article: Obstruction and Sabotage of the Realization of Peace in Vietnam Is Absolutely Impermissible"

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the "people's daily" carried today a commentator's article entitled "obstruction and sabotage of the realization of the peace in viet nam is absolutely impermissible". the article reads:

peace in viet nam, longed for by the people the world over, is being impeded and sabotaged when it is about to be realized. the statement issued on october 26 by the government of the democratic republic of viet nam which demands that the u.s. government honour its words and carry out its commitments has put the u.s. government to a crucial test before the people of the world: does it sincerely want to end the war and restore peace in viet nam, or only pretend to be?

the statement of the d.r.v.n. government clearly and precisely shows that after many private meetings and exchanging of notes, the d.r.v.n. government and the u.s. government have come to an agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam and have jointly fixed a date for signing the agreement. it was under such circumstances that u.s. president's adviser dr. kissinger arrived in saigon on october 18. he stayed

there for six days during which he took a trip to phnompenh. but on october 24, the day after his return to washington, nguyen van thieu made a television speech openly opposing the agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam. this threatens to torpedo completely a peace which is about to be realised.

definitely, nguyen van thieu cannot, as he has professed in his speech, have no opposition to a ceasefire and have stood for peace, or have merely disagreed with some minor points in the agreement. on the contrary, he fundamentally opposes the agreement reached by both sides.

in his speech, nguyen van thieu struck up the old tune about north viet nam's "invasion" of south viet nam, categorically refused to recognize the existence of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam and the south vietnamese people's liberation armed forces and wanted to drive these forces away to north viet nam. he also declared that "we have totally rejected any talk of a coalition government" and opposed the setting up of a national council of national reconciliation and concord of three equal segments. this shows that he not only turns a blind eye on the reality that there exist two administrations, two armies and three forces in south viet nam, but also fundamentally denies the premise of the four-party talks in paris.

nguyen van thieu also opposes the realization of the people's right to self-determination and the holding of new elections to decide the political future in south viet nam. he is trying to hold on to his reactionary rule and repudiate the principles concerning political questions in the agreement.

nguyen van thieu also calls for a ceasefire in the whole of indochina. this is sheer effrontery. as the paris talks were participated by the four parties of viet nam and the u.s. only, how can laos and cambodia come into question?

all this shows that nguyen van thieu's professed agreement to a cease-fire and realization of peace is entirely false.

nguyen van thieu's frenzied opposition to the agreement is aimed at prolonging the u.s. aggressive war against viet nam and intensifying its fascist suppression of the south vietnamese people so as to consolidate the reactionary u.s.-puppet rule in south viet nam and split viet nam permanently. in his speech on october 24, nguyen van thieu clamoured blatantly that there will be "rule of

law", "no" democratic activities of the people "can be forgiven" and declared that "this will be guaranteed by the martial law now in effect". reports from saigon reveal that the nguyen van thieu clique has stepped up searches and arrests of the people and the massacre of detained patriots.

in order to nullify the agreement, nguyen van thieu tries hard to present himself as being kept in the dark and to create the impression that the agreement was reached behind his back between the u.s. government and the d.r.v.n. government. the u.s. government too is spreading the rumour that it had no time to consult the nguyen van thieu government beforehand. all these are utterly ridiculous and untenable. u.s. president nixon stressed on last february 10 that "every proposal we have made in paris has been a joint proposal by the government of south viet nam and the government of the united states. every proposal that we have made has been after consultation and after receiving suggestions from the government of south viet nam, as well as the government of the united states." dr. kissinger also reaffirmed on last february 9 that "all the secret negotiations, as the public knows, that we conducted with the north vietnamese, have been carried out after full consultation with president thieu". kissinger also admitted at a press conference in washington on october 26 that "the south vietnamese were informed of the negotiations as they went along".

164 open and many private meetings were held in paris in the past four years by the delegates of the four parties concerned. now, nguyen van thieu has the cheek to say that he has been kept in the dark and has no knowledge of the agreement reached. this is ludicrous to the extreme exclamation

the u.s. government, which concurrently represents the government of the republic of viet nam, has negotiated with the d.r.v.n. government which concurrently represents the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam, for an agreement to end the war and restore peace in viet nam. it must be held responsible for the acts of the nguyen van thieu government in an attempt to obstruct and wreck the agreement. the u.s. government must keep its words and bear the responsibility for correcting the truculent and unreasonable attitude of the nguyen van thieu government and sign the agreement at the scheduled time, just as the d.r.v.n. government has pointed out in its statement. people throughout

the world are eager to have the viet nam issue settled at an early date. any postponement of the peaceful solution of the viet nam issue by the u.s. government can only give rise to strong opposition and stern condemnation from the people and public opinion the world over.

the chinese people resolutely support the just stand of the october 26 statement of the d.r.v.n. government and are firmly confident that the just struggle waged by the vietnamese and other peoples of indochina will certainly be victorious.

US Government Faces Test, Says Jen-min Jih-pao Editorial

(NCNA-English Peking, Nov. 1, 1972)

the "people's daily" carries an editorial today entitled "u.s. government faces a test", which reads as follows:

the viet nam question is being followed closely by the world public now. according to the time-table agreed upon between the government of the democratic republic of viet nam and the government of the united states, the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam" should be signed by both parties on october 31, 1972. the date has slipped by now, but the agreement has not been signed and peace in viet nam has not been realized. the u.s. side is wholly responsible for this complication.

the d.r.v.n. government and the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam have made unremitting efforts for the peaceful settlement of the viet nam issue. they put forth reasonable proposals time and again and continuously overcome obstacles and difficulties. to bring about progress in the negotiations and end the viet nam war as early as possible, the d.r.v.n. government has recently expressed its sincerity and taken the initiative in reaching an agreement with the united states on the text of the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam". the d.r.v.n. government issued a statement on october 26 disclosing the actual state of the viet nam-u.s. negotiations and making clear the sincere desire and solemn and just stand of the government

and people of viet nam in seeking for a peaceful settlement of the viet nam issue. in recent days, the governments, peoples and public opinion of many countries in the world have expressed support for the d.r.v.n. government statement, praised the vietnamese people for their efforts to end the war in viet nam and demanded that the u.s. government fulfil its promise and sign the agreement on restoring peace in viet nam as speedily as possible. these facts show that it is the common demand of the world's people to end the war and restore peace in viet nam.

on the pretext that it has encountered difficulties in saigon, the u.s. government is trying to shift the blame onto nguyen van thieu for putting off the signing of the agreement. everybody knows what sort of stuff is nguyen van thieu. in their mutual relations, he has always danced to the tunes of the united states, and never vice versa. and yet the united states now suddenly appears to be helpless at a word of "no" from the nguyen van thieu clique which is always under its wing. is this credible? nguyen van thieu and his clique can in no way block a settlement of the viet nam question if the united states really wants a solution. it is by no means accidental he has come out with all kinds of vituperation and setting an extravagant price for a settlement. isn't it more truthful to view in this light the fact that peace cannot be achieved in viet nam at an early date? whether the u.s. government wants to go on prolonging its aggressive war in viet nam and intensifying the plan of "war vietnamization", or whether it wants to honour its words, halt its aggression and end the war so as to realize peace in viet nam -- this is the crucial test it now faces.

the heroic vietnamese people have fought a protracted heroic war of resistance for the independence, peace and reunification of their fatherland and won great victories. facts prove that no force on earth can shake the iron will of the 40 million vietnamese people to realize their sacred national rights. justice and all the people of the world are on the side of the vietnamese people. the chinese government and people have always supported the just struggle of the vietnamese people. the statement issued by the government of the people's republic of china on october 30, 1972, has fully expressed the firm support of the chinese people for the solemn and just stand of the d.r.v.n. government and manifested the chinese and vietnamese peoples' fraternal friendship of unity in struggle. if the u.s. government continues to drag out the viet nam war, the chinese people will as always give all-out support to the vietnamese people in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation till complete victory.

What Is US Purpose in Putting Off Signing?

(NCNA-English Peking, Nov. 3, 1972)

the "people's daily" carried a commentator's article today entitled "what is the purpose of the united states in putting off the signing?" the article reads:

the complications made by the united states has caused the restoration of peace in viet nam to fail to materialize as scheduled. how will the vietnamese situation develop? will the war be dragged on and on, or can peace be restored as early as possible? the people the world over cannot help evincing grave concern over the matter.

the u.s. government spread optimistic views day after day in the past few days. according to the u.s. assertion, the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam" already reached between the vietnamese and u.s. sides has not been signed because there were "certain ambiguities in the draft agreement" that "required modification and improvement", and this "can easily be settled". as to the repeatedly stressed so-called difficulties the u.s. met with in saigon, they are allegedly not difficult to solve. in a word, everything seems to be fine and people may trust the sincerity of the united states and sit down to wait for peace to come in viet nam.

however, the state of affairs is just the opposite exclamation

the modification the united states suggests does not merely show "nuances" as it alleges. how can one say that the "six or seven very concrete issues" which dr. kissinger referred to as requiring modification at his october 26 news conference present only differences of slight importance? such issues as international supervision and the relationship between the ending of the war in viet nam and ceasefire in indochina, far from being insignificant, are important issues of substance. they are questions already clearly stipulated in the agreement, the text of which has been affirmed by the president of the united states in his two notes of october 20 and 22 to the premier of the democratic republic of viet nam. and now the united states has gone back on its own word, seeking "modification and improvement". evidently this is aimed at creating obstacles and raising difficulties in the way of the signing of the agreement.

actually, dr. kissinger has not mentioned all the points the united states wants to modify. what the united states finds it embarrassing to state clearly have been blurted out in detail by nguyen van thieu. it is not without a background that nguyen van thieu has babbled quite a lot these days and come out with all sorts of absurd demands. his absurd demands are summed up by upi into seven points, such as the scope of ceasefire, troop withdrawal from south viet nam, widening of the areas for armaments replacements on a piece-for-piece basis, the national council of three equal segments to be established being a "disguised coalition" which is not born through election, release of captured and imprisoned personnel, and signing of the agreement by the four parties, etc. these practically require the modification of all the principal clauses in the agreement. the seven points of nguyen van thieu dovetail superbly with the "six or seven" issues of the united states. so nguyen van thieu clamoured that peace "will come only when i personally sign the treaty for a ceasefire and peace." in spite of such good team work on the part of nguyen van thieu, the u.s. government alleges that it has encountered difficulties in saigon. how can this convince anybody?

the u.s. government is repeatedly changing its position on viet nam, reaching out for a yard after taking an inch. it refuses to honour its words; it refuses to sig the agreement reached. while creating obstacles, it is spreading broad hints of optimism. in resorting to such tactics, it has the aim to mislead the world public, go on putting off the signing of the agreement and try to make changes in the substance of the agreement. if the united states succeeds in its schemes, the war in viet nam is bound to continue and the restoration of peace there will be postponed indefinitely.

how can there be positive results in the new meetings between viet nam and the united states if the latter refuses to change its attitude? the stern stand of the democratic republic of viet nam towards the u.s. act in putting off the signing of the agreement is entirely correct. now the people the world over and all the peace-loving countries are strongly demanding that the u.s. government keep its words and sign the agreement so as to end the war in viet nam. the u.s. attempt to repudiate the agreement is categorically impermissible. if the united states does not change its unjustifiable attitude and continues with its dilatory tactics, it must be held entirely responsible for the consequences of the failure to restore peace in viet nam.

now, let us see what action the u.s. government will take.

What's Motive Behind US Rushing of Arms to Puppets, Asks Jen-min Jih-pao Commentator

(NCNA-English Peking, Nov. 22, 1972)

the "people's daily" today carries an article by its commentator entitled "what is the motive behind the u.s. rushing of arms?" the article reads:

statements strongly denouncing the u.s. government for shipping large quantities of munitions to arm in an intensified manner the nguyen van thieu puppet regime of saigon and the lon nol traitorous clique of phnompenh were recently made by the foreign ministry of the democratic republic of viet nam, the foreign ministry of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam and the spokesman of the foreign ministry of the royal government of national union of cambodia separately. the chinese government and people express resolute support for these statements.

after putting off the signing of the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam" at the end of october, the u.s. government rushed large amounts of munitions day and night to south viet nam, including over 600 military aircraft, hundreds of tanks and armoured cars, many artillery pieces and rockets and much ammunition. at the same time, the united states also sent large quantities of war materials to the lon nol clique of traitors. at a time when the people throughout the world are watching closely the situation in indochina and hoping eagerly for peace in viet nam, the united states is hurriedly shipping munitions there in an intensified manner. can there be any other interpretation of this u.s. action besides that of wanting to increase the military strength of the puppet regime of south viet nam and the lon nol clique so as to continue to carry out the war "vietnamization" and "khmerization" programmes? everybody knows that u.s. planes and guns are not means for peace but tools to massacre the people and cause death. u.s. officials have paid lip service to ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam, but what they are doing is something else. one cannot but question whether the united states really wants to cease fire in south viet nam or to let the war flames there spread?

the u.s. government is miscalculating if it thinks that it can strengthen the rule of nguyen van thieu and his like by an increase in military "aid". the quantities of arms given by the united states to the nguyen van thieu clique in south viet nam and the lon nol clique in cambodia are by no means small. the self-styled "million strong" saigon puppet forces are equipped with a large quantity of u.s. weapons and have the direct support of the u.s. aggressor troops. over the past 10 years or more, these puppet forces have expanded continuously with their weapons increasing daily, but they have suffered more and more

disastrous defeats on the battlefield and the goings of nguyen van thieu are not getting smoother consequently. can the u.s. extricate the nguyen van thieu clique from its predicaments by giving it more arms and ammunition now? the same is true about the cambodian lon not clique. the history of the war in viet nam and indochina as a whole has proved long ago that u.s. arms and armed forces can never subdue the indochinese people.

indochina belongs to the indochinese people. u.s. imperialism must give up its ambitions to conquer the indochinese people by force, must stop all acts of aggression against viet nam, laos and cambodia, stop pursuing the wicked plan of using the indochinese to fight the indochinese, must respect the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of various countries in indochina and let these people settle their own questions themselves without foreign interference.

Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei Makes Important Statement Concerning Vietnam-US Negotiations

(NCNA-English Peking, Nov. 29, 1972)

chinese foreign minister chi peng-fei made an important statement this evening concerning the viet nam-u.s. negotiations, which the people throughout the world are closely following.

speaking at the reception given by albanian ambassador to china xhorxhi robo to mark the 60th anniversary of the independence and the 28th anniversary of the liberation of albania, the chinese foreign minister said:

"at present, the people of the whole world are following closely developments over the viet nam question and hoping for its early peaceful settlement. however, war flames are still burning in viet nam because the u.s. government has been clinging to its stand of aggression. the 'agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam' that was finally reached after prolonged negotiations remains unsigned to this day. the u.s. government not only has backed out from the schedule for signing agreed on by the vietnamese and u.s. sides on the pretext of difficulties encountered in saigon, but is continuously attempting to make substantive changes in the agreement that has already been reached. meanwhile, the u.s. aggressors have been stepping up large-scale transportation to saigon of additional war materiel of different kinds, wantonly bombing southern and northern viet nam and

making war threats against the vietnamese people. people have reason to ask whether the u.s. government truly wants a peaceful settlement of the viet nam question or is trying to prolong the war by making use of the negotiations. the government of the democratic republic of viet nam and the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam have made tremendous efforts for a peaceful settlement of the viet nam question; they have both upheld principles and shown the greatest flexibility. the people of the whole world are now watching what move the u.s. government will take next. we still hope that the u.s. government will through negotiations sign with the government of the democratic republic of viet nam the agreement mutually agreed on. this will not only be in the interests of the vietnamese and the american peoples but also be greatly helpful towards the relaxation of tension in the far east and in asia. if instead the u.s. government continues to obstruct the signing of the peace agreement on viet nam and drag out the war, the vietnamese people certainly will, with the determination they have long and repeatedly expressed, fight their war of resistance to the end, and the chinese government and people will, as always, give them all-out support and assistance in their just war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation until complete victory is won."

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No Killing of South Vietnamese Patriots!
Says Jen-min Jih-pao Commentator

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the people's daily carries today an article by its commentator entitled "no killing of south vietnamese patriots exclamation" which reads as follows:

the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam (r.s.v.n. p.r.g.) in a statement dated december 3, 1972 sternly denounced the u.s.-puppet clique for its crime of intensified repression and murder of patriots and peace-loving people in south viet nam and resolutely demanded a stop to the persecution. the chinese government and people express the greatest indignation at such brutal acts of the u.s.-puppet clique and firmly support the solemn stand and demand of the r.s.v.n. p.r.g.

at the very time when world public opinion strongly urges the united states to end the war and realize peace in viet nam as soon as possible, the nguyen van thieu clique steps up its campaign of terror in the south, arrests and murders the people on a massive scale and schemes to kill thousands of political prisoners now kept in jail before the ceasefire is put into effect. this shows that the thieu clique is putting up a death-bed struggle to maintain its reactionary rule and obstruct peace in viet nam. since he came to power, nguyen van thieu has pursued a policy injuring the country and bringing calamity to the people, and committed innumerable crimes. now, thieu incurs new debts of blood to the vietnamese people. this has fully laid bare his stubborn stand of being hostile to the vietnamese people.

the patriots in south viet nam cannot be totally exterminated by terrorism. how many revolutionary people and patriots have been killed, suppressed or jailed by the saigon puppet regimes from ngo dinh diem to nguyen van thieu exclamation but the struggle of the south vietnamese people against u.s. aggression and the puppet fascist rule and for independence, democracy and freedom has never ceased. on the contrary, this struggle has produced greater and greater impact and become stronger and stronger. exposing the atrocities committed by the chinese reactionaries in suppressing the revolutionary people with lofty ideals, the famous chinese writer lu hsun wrote: "blood on the plain fattens sturdy grass, frozen earth sends out the flowers of spring." the same is true in south viet nam today. the crimes committed and blood debts owed by the thieu puppet regime in slaughtering and repressing the patriots can only arouse more bitter hatred and more resolute resistance from the south vietnamese people. all the reactionaries who try to maintain their reactionary rule by sanguinary means will come to no good end.

the text of "the agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam" reached between the d.r.v.n. and u.s.a. stipulates for the exchange of all personnel captured and detained by each side, simultaneously with the withdrawal of the u.s. troops. but now, the thieu puppet regime not only continues to detain a large number of patriots, but represses or slaughters them in an intensified way and carries out new arrests and persecution on an unprecedented scale. such circumstances cannot but have connection with what the united states is doing on the vietnam question. of late, the u.s. government, doing its utmost to put off the signing of the agreement, has on the one hand stepped up its arms delivery to the saigon puppet regime and on the other dispatched large numbers of b-52 planes and warships to conduct wanton naval and air attacks and raids on areas south of thanh hoa in north viet nam and on the liberated zone in south viet nam, in an attempt to exert pressure on the vietnamese people. the foreign ministry of the democratic republic of viet nam issued a statement on december 2 strongly protesting against this. if the u.s. government really wants to end the war and restore peace in viet nam as it has professed, it must at once stop all acts of war in viet nam, cease beefing up nguyen van thieu's military strength, halt the sanguinary crimes committed by this clique in killing or suppressing the patriots and sign as soon as possible the text of the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam" reached between viet nam and the united states.

Statement of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
People's Republic of China

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statement of the ministry of foreign affairs
of the people's republic of china

december 20, 1972

on december 18 and 19, 1972 the united states dispatched large numbers of aircraft to carry out massive bombing raids against hanoi, haiphong and other extensive areas of the democratic republic of viet nam. u.s. defence secretary melvin laird has openly declared that the "restrictions" which halted the bombing of north viet nam above the 20th parallel have been lifted and that air operations will be conducted "throughout north viet nam." this is a most serious step taken by u.s. imperialism to prolong and intensify its war of aggression against viet nam and a new obstacle placed by the u.s. government to obstruct the peaceful solution of the viet nam problem. this act of aggression on the part of the united states is not only a new barbarous crime against the vietnamese people but also a provocation to the american people and the people of the whole world who eagerly hope for an early realiza ion of peace in viet nam. the chinese government and people express their utmost indignation at and strongly condemn it.

since late october the u.s. government has time and again delayed the signing of the agreement mutually agreed upon by the vietnamese and u.s. sides. this is a fact clear to the people of the whole world. the matter has been dragged out to this day precisely because the u.s. side asked to make revisions in the substantive content of the agreement and backed out of the schedule for signing and because it attempted to proceed from a position of strength and insisted on its unreasonable demands. now the whole world can see clearly that it is the united states, and not the vietnamese side, that has gone back on its commitment and delayed the signing of the peace agreement on stopping the war.

the vietnamese people are an indomitable, heroic people. no crafty tactics can dupe them, and no brute force can subdue them. the u.s. aggressors' tactics of imposing peace terms by bombing has long been rebuffed by the vietnamese people, and its repetition today definitely will not succeed either. as is said in the statement of the ministry of foreign affairs of the democratic republic of

viet nam: "the nixon administration is trying to force on the vietnamese people, by means of bombs and shells, a resolution to the viet nam issue on u.s. terms. this, of course, is only a vain attempt."

the chinese government and people firmly support the solemn and just stand taken in the december 19 statement of the ministry of foreign affairs of the democratic republic of viet nam. the u.s. government must stop its war of aggression against viet nam, stop all its bombing raids, mining, blockading and other acts of war against the democratic republic of viet nam and speedily sign the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam". should the u.s. government disregard the desire of the people of viet nam, the united states and the whole world for peace and obdurately persist in its war of aggression, the chinese people will, as always, resolutely perform their internationalist duty and give all-out support and assistance to the vietnamese people in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation till complete victory is won.

Hsinhua Commentary: US War Blackmail Will Be of No Avail

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the u.s. government's massive bombing, for days in succession, of the capital hanoi, haiphong and other major cities as well as many residential and industrial areas of the democratic republic of viet nam has threatened to wreck peace in viet nam which is near at hand. just-minded public opinion has vehemently condemned this truculent and unreasonable act of the united states which runs diametrically counter to the aspirations for peace of the people the world over, the american people included.

as early as october 20, the united states and the democratic republic of viet nam at their paris negotiations reached an agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam; but just when the agreement could be signed in no time, the u.s. side created complications and went back on its word to put off the matter. after the two sides resumed negotiations on november 20, the united states threw overboard the agreed principles which the vietnamese side made public on october 26 and the u.s. side admitted to have been settled in the negotiations, and suggested their modification, which caters to the needs of nguyen van thieu, to obstruct and delay the smooth progress of the negotiations. and just when the talks were adjourned and were about to enter their final stage, the united states resumed its bombing of the entire areas of north viet nam in the manner of a surprise attack. this completely lays bare the inconsistency and perfidy of the u.s. government towards the peace negotiations.

the u.s. massive bombing of north viet nam is evidently meant to be a threat and blackmail against the democratic republic of viet nam. the u.s. government, by resorting to the bombing on land and coastal blockade, is trying to force the vietnamese people to knuckle under and accept the changes in the substance of the agreement put forward lately by the u.s. side with a view to maintaining the reactionary rule of the nguyen van thieu puppet clique and continuing the u.s. occupation of south viet nam. this aim of the u.s. government, however, can never be realized. the vietnamese people have waged prolonged armed struggle for nearly 20 years for the liberation of their motherland and it is clear that no threat or blackmail whatever can bring them to their knees.

the u.s. government is now once again being put to the test by the people of the world including the american people. peace or war -- the decision will have to be made by the u.s. government. if it wants peace, the united states must

immediately stop the bombing, resume the negotiations, and sign the agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam. if it wants war, the chinese people, together with other peoples of the world, will give unreserved support to the vietnamese people in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation till victory.

Jen-min Jih-pao Editorial: Warm Welcome to Honored Envoy of South Vietnamese People

(NCNA-English Peking, Dec. 27, 1972)

the "people's daily" today published an editorial entitled "warm welcome to the honoured envoy of the south vietnamese people". the editorial reads in full as follows:

nguyen thi binh, minister of foreign affairs of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam and head of the delegation of the r.s.v.n. provisional revolutionary government to the paris conference on viet nam, will arrive in peking today for an official friendly visit to china. with profound sentiments and boundless cordiality the chinese people warmly welcome the honoured envoy of their comrades-in-arms in south viet nam and present a lofty salute to the south vietnamese people who are fighting valiantly in the war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. we are deeply convinced that the present visit of minister nguyen thi binh will surely contribute to a further strengthening of the militant friendship between the chinese and vietnamese peoples.

to resist u.s. imperialist aggression, the heroic south vietnamese people have, under the correct leadership of the south viet nam national front for liberation and the r.s.v.n. provisional revolutionary government, persevered in a protracted people's war, developed their undaunted heroism and won great, world-shaking victory. with the powerful support of their compatriots in the north, they have for more than a decade performed immortal meritorious deeds for the cause of national independence and liberation in viet nam by going through untold hardships, defying sacrifice and fighting hard, bloody battles, which have led to the annihilation of large numbers of enemy effectives, the liberation of large areas of the territory and the serious frustration of the war "vietnamization" program being pursued by u.s. imperialism. the struggle and successes of the south

vietnamese people have been a powerful encouragement and support to the chinese people and the revolutionary people of the whole world. the vietnamese people's revolutionary spirit and experience in struggle are worthy of learning by the chinese people. we are infinitely proud of having the vietnamese people as our close comrades-in-arms.

born amid the raging flames of the south vietnamese people's struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation, the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam is the genuine legal government representing the interests of the south vietnamese people. from the very day it was founded, it has enjoyed the warm support and backing of the vast masses of the south vietnamese people. internationally it is being recognized by more and more countries and enjoys high prestige. no one will succeed today to deny the existence of the r.s.v.n. provisional revolutionary government and the people's liberation armed forces under its leadership.

together with the government of the democratic republic of viet nam, the r.s.v.n. provisional revolutionary government has made unremitting efforts for the settlement of the viet nam issue and has both upheld principles and showed flexibility. but peace has not been restored in viet nam to this day because the united states had made an above-face and delayed the signing of the peace agreement on stopping the war in viet nam. while intensifyin its aggressive war in south viet nam, the u.s. government has recently again resumed in a brazen manner its wanton bombing raids against vast areas of north viet nam above the 20th parallel including hanoi and haiphong in an attempt to force the vietnamese people to bow down and settle the viet nam issue on unreasonable u.s. terms. such a trick of the u.s. government to force peace by way of bombing has long proved useless. the north vietnamese armed forces and people, united as one in face of the enemy and fighting heroically, have meted out due punishment to the u.s. aggressors by bringing down 53 american aircraft within only one week.

the barbarity of the united states has aroused strong condemnation and widespread opposition from the american people, the people all over the world and peace-loving countries and landed the u.s. government in a position of blank isolation in the world. if the u.s. government really wants to have the viet nam issue settled, it must stop all its war acts in the whole of viet nam, conduct negotiations in a serious manner and speedily sign the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam".

the chinese and vietnamese peoples are comrades-in-arms sharing weal and woe and going through thick and thin together. the friendship and unity between us were forged and have been developed in the course of our

protracted common struggle. the chinese people have always cherished profound class feelings towards the fraternal vietnamese people, regarded the vietnamese people's struggle as their own and considered it their bounden internationalist duty to support and assist the vietnamese people's war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. "the 700 million chinese people provide a powerful backing for the vietnamese people; the vast expanse of china's territory is their reliable rear area." firmly following their great laader chairman mao's teaching, the chinese people are uniting, fighting and winning victories together with the vietnamese and other indochinese peoples. if the u.s. government continues to put off the signing of the agreement on peace in viet nam and persist in aggressive war, the chinese people will, as always, give all-out support and assistance to the vietnamese people in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation till complete victory is won.

Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei's Speech

(NCNA-English Peking, Dec. 28, 1972)

following is the full text of the speech made by foreign minister chi peng-fei at the banquet he gave this evening in honour of nguyen thi binh, minister of foreign affairs of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam:

your excellency respected minister nguyen thi binh, distinguished guests from south viet nam, comrades and friends,

her excellency nguyen thi binh, minister of foreign affairs of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam, has come to china on a friendly visit at the invitation of our government, bringing to the chinese people in the great rear area glad tidings of victories and the sentiments of profound friendship of our comrades-in-arms at the front. at this banquet permeated with sentiments of comradeship-in-arms, allow me to express, on behalf of the chinese government and people, our warmest welcome to minister nguyen thi binh, the honoured envoy of the heroic people of south viet nam, and other comrades-in-arms from the south.

under the staunch leadership of the south viet nam national front for liberation and the provisional

revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam, the heroic south vietnamese people have waged for over a decade an indomitable struggle against u.s. imperialism and its stooges, holding high the banner of firm resolve to fight and win and displaying the revolutionary spirit of heroic tenacity and arduous struggle. supported and assisted by their kith and kin in the north and in close coordination with the fraternal peoples of laos and cambodia, they have gone through numerous trials and tribulations with tremendous sacrifices and smashed all kinds of enemy attacks and won resounding victories one after another. by your victories you have set a glorious example for, and made a significant contribution to, the struggle of all oppressed peoples and nations for independence and liberation. the chinese government and people extend their warm congratulations and pay their high respects to the fraternal people of south viet nam.

at present, people of the whole world are following closely the development of the situation in viet nam and indochina. through the joint efforts of the government of the democratic republic of viet nam and the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam, the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam" and the schedule for its signing had been agreed upon by the vietnamese and u.s. sides. but the u.s. government committed a breach of faith, fabricated pretexts, set up various obstacles and deliberately delayed and sabotaged the signing of the peace agreement. recently, u.s. imperialism has brazenly dispatched large numbers of u.s. aircraft including b-52 strategic bombers to carry out barbarous bombing raids against the capital hanoi, haiphong and other extensive areas of the democratic republic of viet nam, thus committing unforgivable new crimes against the vietnamese people.

it is perfectly clear that the practice of the u.s. government is nothing but shameless military blackmail and a repetition of the u.s. aggressors' tactics of imposing peace terms by bombing. but american bombs absolutely cannot shake the vietnamese people's iron will to fight for independence and freedom. president ho chi minh pointed out: "hanoi, haiphong and other cities and certain enterprises may be destroyed but the vietnamese people will not be intimidated exclamation" the perverted actions of u.s. imperialism will only further arouse the entire vietnamese people to determined riposte and will meet with still more disastrous defeats.

the chinese government and people strongly denounce u.s. imperialism for its crime of savagely bombing the democratic republic of viet nam and strongly condemn the u.s. government for its obdurate stand of sabotaging the signing of the peace agreement and

prolonging its war of aggression. we firmly support the solemn and just statements issued of late by the government of the democratic republic of viet nam and the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam and resolutely support the vietnamese people in their just struggle against u.s. imperialist aggression. the chinese people's great leader chairman mao tsetung has pointed out: "the 700 million chinese people provide a powerful backing for the vietnamese people; the vast expanse of china's territory is their reliable rear area." we will resolutely follow this teaching of chairman mao's and give all-out support and assistance to your struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. the united states must stop forthwith the bombing of the democratic republic of viet nam and, through negotiations, speedily sign the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam". if it deliberately continues to drag on the war, then no matter how long it may do so, the chinese people will definitely go on supporting the vietnamese people until complete victory is won.

the chinese and vietnamese peoples are comrades-in-arms and brothers sharing their life-breath and destiny. our two peoples have forged a profound revolutionary friendship in protracted revolutionary struggles. we are confident that the present visit to china by her excellency minister nguyen thi binh and the other vietnamese comrades-in-arms will surely make a new contribution towards consolidating and developing the militant unity and fraternal friendship between the peoples of china and viet nam. we sincerely wish success to minister nguyen thi binh's visit.

now i propose a toast

to the great victories of the vietnamese people's war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation,

to the fraternal friendship and militant unity between the peoples of china and viet nam,

to the health of president nguyen huu tho and president huynh tan phat,

to the health of her excellency minister nguyen thi binh,

to the health of ambassador nguyen van quang and ambassador ngo thuyen,

to the health of his excellency minister sarin chhak and mme sarin chhak,

to the health of all the vietnamese comrades present,

to the health of the heads of diplomatic missions and their wives present, and

to the health of our comrades and friends present here exclamation

Comrade Yeh Chien-ying's Speech

(NCNA-English Peking, Dec. 29, 1972)

following is the full text of the speech by yeh chien-ying, member of the political bureau of the central committee of the communist party of china and vice-chairman of the military commission of the c.p.c. central committee, at the rally of the people of the chinese capital in support of the vietnamese people's struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation, held here this afternoon:

your excellency respected minister nguyen thi binh,

distinguished vietnamese guests,

comrades and friends,

today, the people from all walks of life in our capital are holding this solemn rally to warmly welcome the honoured envoy of the south vietnamese people, her excellency nguyen thi binh, foreign minister of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam, and the other comrades-in-arms from south viet nam and to express our firm support for and solidarity with the vietnamese people's just struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. on behalf of the chinese communist party and the chinese government and people, i extend our warmest welcome to minister nguyen thi binh and the other distinguished guests from south viet nam, and take this opportunity to present our lofty salute to the people of south viet nam and the entire vietnamese people fighting at the front against u.s. aggression.

the chinese people have always held the heroic people of south viet nam in great esteem and admiration, and have followed your just struggle closely. more than ten years ago, in flagrant violation of the 1954 geneva agreements, u.s. imperialism fostered the ngo dinh diem puppet regime, which brutally massacred and persecuted

the south vietnamese people, and turned south viet nam gradually into a new colony of the united states. at this crucial juncture when the existence of your nation was in peril you resolutely took up arms, unfolded an armed struggle and lit the revolutionary flames of the south vietnamese people's struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. relying on your own strength and going through numerous trials and tribulations, you have persisted in waging a people's war under extremely difficult conditions, and have, through fighting, ultimately blazed your own road of dauntless struggle and self-reliance, and brought about the victories of today. for a decade and more, the white terror of the enemy has not intimidated you, nor have the savage attacks of the aggressor subdued you. you are indomitable warriors fighting for independence and freedom. your war is a great war of national liberation in the contemporary world. your heroic exploits are a source of great encouragement to all oppressed nations and peoples and a glorious example for the revolutionary struggles of the peoples of the world. the chinese people are proud to have such heroic comrades-in-arms as the people of south viet nam.

today, the heroic south vietnamese people are advancing from victory to victory under the leadership of the south viet nam national front for liberation and the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam. with the all-out support and assistance of their kith and kin in the north and the concerted action on the part of the peoples of laos and cambodia, the south vietnamese people, in a revolutionary spirit of valiant determination, have launched successive fierce attacks against the enemy, repeatedly frustrating the u.s.-puppet "pacification" policy and dealing heavy blows at the u.s. aggressors' plan to "vietnamize" the war. constantly growing in size and strength through fighting, the south viet nam people's liberation armed forces have become a steel force safeguarding the interests of the south vietnamese people. the liberated areas in south viet nam are being daily expanded and consolidated. founded in the situation in which the south vietnamese people were winning one victory after another, the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam represents the interests of the broad masses of south viet nam and enjoys their ardent support and love. it is the genuine legitimate government of south viet nam. it has established diplomatic relations with dozens of countries and has been formally recognized by the conference of foreign ministers of non-aligned countries and it enjoys a high international prestige. in contrast, the nguyen van thieu puppet clique is in a passive military position of being hit from all sides and in an economic chaos. it is beset with internal contradictions and rivalries. increasingly revealing his reactionary features as a traitor and a dictator, nguyen van thieu is opposed and repudiated by the people of all strata of south viet nam and becomes extremely isolated. in short, the situation in south viet nam is developing

in a direction more and more favourable to the south vietnamese people and unfavourable to the u.s. aggressors and their lackeys.

along with the victorious advance of the south vietnamese people, the heroic north vietnamese people have achieved brilliant successes in their struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation and in socialist construction. acting with dauntless heroism under the leadership of the viet nam workers' party, they have victoriously combatted the air and naval raids of u.s. imperialism, surmounted numerous difficulties and carried on production while fighting, thus vigorously performing their sacred duty of supporting and assisting their kith and kin in the south. as brothers and comrades-in-arms of the vietnamese people, the chinese people are gladdened and inspired by every victory you win in your struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. we warmly hail the great victories of the vietnamese people and sincerely wish you new and still greater victories in your future struggle.

comrades and friends,

u.s. imperialism has been badly battered in its war of aggression against viet nam and the other countries in indochina. but it is still unwilling to give up its aggressive stand. while talking about a desire to end the war, the u.s. government is intensifying its so-called programmes of "vietnamizing", "laotianizing" and "khmerizing" the war and trying by every means to obtain at the conference table what it cannot gain on the battlefield. last october, thanks to the tremendous efforts made by the government of the democratic republic of viet nam and the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam, the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam" was reached and a schedule for its signing agreed upon between the vietnamese and u.s. sides. but the u.s. government, belying its own words and creating complications, again and again fabricated pretexts and laid obstacles. it has not only backed out of the schedule for signing, but raised a heap of unreasonable demands in an attempt to alter the substantive contents of the agreement, with the result that the peace in viet nam eagerly hoped for by the people of the whole world has failed to materialize to this day.

what causes particular indignation is that recently the u.s. government has dispatched large numbers of u.s. aircraft, including b-52 strategic bombers, to carry out continuous bombing on an unprecedented scale against the capital hanoi, haiphong and other densely populated areas of the democratic republic of viet nam in a vain attempt by means of bombs to force the vietnamese people to accept its truculent terms. now it is evident to the whole world who is delaying the signing of the peace agreement on stopping the war and who is obstructing and sabotaging the peaceful settlement of

the viet nam question exclamation immediately after agreement was reached between the vietnamese and u.s. sides in late october, the united states started to bolster the fascist rule of the nguyen van thieu clique by rushing military equipment to saigon on an unprecedented scale and in great haste, sending there large numbers of disguised military advisers and instigating the saigon authorities to massacre south vietnamese patriots. cold facts give a loud rebuttal to the fraudulent propaganda spread by the u.s. government to shirk its criminal responsibility and lay bare the scheme of u.s. imperialism to obdurately persist in its "vietnamization" plan in a vain attempt to turn south viet nam permanently into its new colony.

the u.s. aggressive schemes can by no means succeed. in order to win their basic national rights -- independence, sovereignty, unification and territorial integrity -- the vietnamese people have waged bloody struggles for several decades, and they will never give up this sacred goal in the face of violence. the vietnamese people's great leader president ho chi minh pointed out: "hanoi, haiphong and other cities and certain enterprises may be destroyed, but the vietnamese people will not be intimidated exclamation nothing is more precious than independence and freedom." the u.s. imperialist military blackmail can only arouse the entire vietnamese people to fight even more valiantly with hatred for the common enemy. the u.s. aggressors will surely eat the bitter fruit of their own making and suffer even more disastrous defeats.

the chinese government and people strongly condemn u.s. imperialism for its crime of bombing the democratic republic of viet nam and intensifying its war of aggression, and warmly acclaim the great victories won by the army and people of north viet nam in their riposte against u.s. air and naval intrusions and raids. we firmly support the solemn and just statements issued of late by the government of the democratic republic of viet nam and the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam and the correct stand taken by the vietnamese people in the paris negotiations. the u.s. government must be held fully responsible for the suspension of the negotiations. whether the negotiations will be resumed or not depends entirely on the united states. the u.s. government must immediately stop its barbarous bombing of the democratic republic of viet nam, change its truculent attitude of prolonging the war and sabotaging the peaceful settlement of the viet nam question and through negotiations speedily sign the peace agreement on stopping the war which was already agreed upon.

we are convinced that the vietnamese people's cause is a completely just one. the people of the whole world stand on your side. fighting in unity with your brothers the lao and cambodian peoples, you will surely defeat the u.s. aggressors and their lackeys. victory will certainly belong to the heroic vietnamese and other indochinese peoples exclamation

comrades and friends,

china and viet nam are neighbours linked with common mountains and rivers and closely related like the lips and the teeth. the chinese and vietnamese peoples are intimate comrades-in-arms and brothers. there has been a long tradition of friendship between our two peoples. in recent years, we have further strengthened and developed this friendship in the struggle against our common enemy. the heroic struggle of the south vietnamese people, who are fighting staunchly and shedding blood at the front against barbarous u.s. imperialist aggression, is a powerful support to the chinese people's socialist revolution and socialist construction. the revolutionary spirit of the vietnamese people is an example for us to emulate.

the chinese people have always regarded the vietnamese people's struggle as our own struggle and taken it as our bounden proletarian internationalist duty to support and assist the vietnamese people in their struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. in his "statement opposing aggression against southern viet nam and slaughter of its people by the u.s.-ngo dinh diem clique" issued back in 1963, the chinese people's great leader chairman mao tsetung already called on the chinese people to firmly support the just struggle of the south vietnamese people. afterwards, chairman mao has further pointed out: "the 700 million chinese people provide a powerful backing for the vietnamese people; the vast expanse of china's territory is their reliable rear area." the chinese people will for ever follow chairman mao's teachings and give unfailing support and assistance to the just struggle of the vietnamese people so long as u.s. imperialism does not stop its aggression, the chinese people will perform their internationalist duty by giving all-out support and assistance to the vietnamese and other indochinese peoples in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation until complete victory is won. the chinese people will always unite together, fight together and win victory together with the vietnamese and the other indochinese peoples exclamation

long live victories for the vietnamese and the other indochinese peoples in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation exclamation

long live the great friendship and militant unity of the peoples of china and viet nam exclamation

Joint Communique

(NCNA-English Peking, Jan. 1, 1973)

following is the text of a joint communique issued here today:

joint communique

at the invitation of the government of the people's republic of china, nguyen thi binh, minister of foreign affairs of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam, paid an official visit of friendship to the people's republic of china from december 27, 1972 to january 1, 1973.

during the visit, minister nguyen thi binh was accorded an exceptionally warm and grand reception by the chinese government and people, for which minister nguyen thi binh expressed her sincere thanks.

chairman mao tsetung met minister nguyen thi binh, and they had a cordial and friendly conversation.

chou en-lai, premier of the state council of the people's republic of china, met minister nguyen thi binh and her party.

talks were held between foreign minister chi peng-fei of the people's republic of china and foreign minister nguyen thi binh of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam. the two sides noted with concern pertinent matters and had a full discussion on the situation of the vietnamese people's struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation and on the question of further strengthening the mutual support and assistance between the chinese people and the people of south viet nam, and identical views were recorded.

both sides point out that now the situation of the vietnamese people's struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation is growing ever better. the heroic south vietnamese people have displayed a dauntless revolutionary spirit in the war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. under the leadership of the south viet nam national front for liberation and the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam, the south vietnamese people, fearing no difficulty and sacrifice, have fought undauntedly in resistance and scored one brilliant victory after another.

the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam, which is the genuine legitimate government of south viet nam warmly supported by the south vietnamese people, has been recognized by an

increasing number of countries and enjoys a high international prestige. growing constantly in strength, the south viet nam people's liberation armed forces have become a strong safeguard of the interests of the people. in contrast, the nguyen van thieu puppet clique, the stooge of u.s. imperialism, revealing ever more clearly its reactionary, dictatorial and traitorous features, is repudiated and opposed by the people of all strata in south viet nam and becomes isolated and weakened as never before.

the heroic north vietnamese people have achieved splendid successes in their struggle against u.s. aggression and for national salvation and in their cause of socialist construction. showing a valiant and indomitable fighting spirit, the north vietnamese people under the leadership of the viet nam workers' party have repelled u.s. imperialist air and naval attacks and bombings, dealt heavy blows at the enemy's military adventures and given powerful support and assistance to the struggle of their compatriots in the south.

with their great struggle and victories, the vietnamese people have vigorously inspired all the oppressed nations and peoples, set a brilliant example for the people of the whole world in their anti-imperialist struggles and received ever wider and stronger sympathy and support from the governments and peoples who love peace and uphold justice.

under the leadership of the chinese communist party headed by the respected and beloved chairman mao tsetung and the government of the people's republic of china, the great chinese people, carrying forward their glorious revolutionary tradition and displaying the spirit of self-reliance and arduous struggle, have achieved tremendous successes in their cause of socialist revolution and socialist construction, so that china is growing ever stronger and more prosperous, and the international prestige of the people's republic of china is rising continuously.

these brilliant successes are a great inspiration and an important contribution to the struggles of the vietnamese people and the people of the world for peace, national independence, democracy and social progress.

the two sides point out with emphasis that up to now the u.s. government is still unwilling to stop its war of aggression against viet nam. since last october, the u.s. government has committed a breach of faith, fabricated various pretexts and deliberately obstructed and sabotaged the signing of the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam" reached between viet nam and the united states. at the same time, it has stepped up the transportation of arms and equipment into south viet nam on a massive scale, sent large numbers of disguised military advisers to bolster the fascist rule

of the nguyen van thieu puppet clique and its intensified suppression and massacre of patriotic and peace-loving people in south viet nam. furthermore, the u.s. government has of late brazenly dispatched large numbers of u.s. aircraft, including b-52 strategic bombers, to carry out wanton bombing against the capital hanoi, haiphong and other vast areas of the democratic republic of viet nam, in a vain attempt to force the vietnamese people into submission by military blackmail. this wild attempt will never succeed.

the vietnamese side declares: the vietnamese people ardently love peace, but it must be a peace in independence and freedom. so long as the u.s. government continues to pursue a deceitful and perjurious attitude and obstinately intensifies the war in seeking a military victory, the people of south viet nam will be determined to fulfil their pledge, together with their kith and kin in the north, to realize president ho chi minh's sacred testament, surmount all the hardships and difficulties, carry on with perseverance and intensify their resistance till complete victory, liberate the south, defend the north and proceed to the peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

the chinese side reaffirms: the chinese government and people firmly support the solemn and just stand of the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam and the government of the democratic republic of viet nam on the peaceful settlement of the viet nam question and the efforts made by them to this end, and firmly support the vietnamese people in their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. the chinese and vietnamese peoples are of the same family. so long as u.s. imperialism does not stop its aggression against viet nam, the chinese people, steadfastly following chairman mao's teachings, will firmly support and assist the vietnamese people in their just war, not flinching from the greatest national sacrifice.

minister nguyen thi binh has conveyed to chairman mao tsetung and the chinese communist party, the chinese government and the fraternal chinese people the sincere and deep thanks of the south viet nam national front for liberation, the provisional revolutionary government of the republic of south viet nam and the south vietnamese people for their consistent strong support and enormous, manifold and effective assistance to the south vietnamese people.

the two sides are firmly opposed to the u.s. government's delaying and sabotaging the signing of the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam" and strongly condemn its war escalation against the people of viet nam. the u.s. government must stop its war of aggression and all its war blackmail against viet nam, sit down and negotiate earnestly and speedily sign the

"agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in viet nam" reached by the united states and the democratic republic of viet nam on october 20, 1972.

the two sides resolutely support the correct stand taken in the declaration issued by samdech norodom sihanouk, head of state of cambodia, on march 23, 1970 and the political programme of the national united front of cambodia.

the two sides resolutely support the five-point political solution put forward by the lao patriotic front on march 6, 1970 and the solemn and just stand it takes in the negotiations.

the two sides firmly believe that whatever tricks u.s. imperialism may play, viet nam belongs to the vietnamese people, laos belongs to the lao people, and cambodia belongs to the khmer people. holding high the banner of militant solidarity of the summit conference of the indochinese peoples, the three indochinese peoples, closely coordinating with and supporting each other and persevering in struggle, will surely crown their struggles for national liberation with great victory.

the two sides note with satisfaction that the fraternal friendship and militant unity of the chinese and south vietnamese peoples are daily growing in strength and developing. minister nguyen thi binh's current visit of friendship to china has made an important contribution to the further consolidation and development of the traditional friendship and militant unity of the chinese and vietnamese peoples.

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